



Here-turi-kōkā August 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

The last of our winter months has been anything but quiet here at Whenuakite Country Kids! There have been many exciting learning opportunities and events happening this past month, which has made Here-turi-kōkā, August fly by!

There have been many opportunities for tamariki to learn from and alongside local experts in the centre and out in our community. Lenny from Zero waste taught us all about worms and composting. And we especially enjoyed giving back to our community by taking part in two coastal restoration planting days at Pukaki, Cooks Beach. Tamariki and Kaiako love to contribute to this important mahi, ensuring that we are caring for our local environment and preserving the biodiversity of our area for the future.

Hunting and a love for the outdoors have been highlights in the centre this past month. After some frosty starts, we have had some amazing clear days, and everyone has really enjoyed being outside in the sunshine!

A lot of new resources arrived at the centre and we have again been supported by so many this month. Our centre operates on true community spirit and for that we are always so grateful. ❤️ Arohanui from us all at Whenuakite Country Kids x



Centre Celebrations:

Rā whānau ki a koe, Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated birthdays in Here-turi-kōkā, August: Happy 3rd Birthday to Zinzan McLaren, Happy 4th Birthday to Blake Thompson, Happy 5th Birthday to Sage Thompson and Happy Birthday to our Kaiako Laura Riddle! ❤️ We hope you all had lovely birthdays celebrating with friends and whānau.

This month we said Haere mai e hoa, Welcome to our new friends Sayul Rathnayaka in the Kererū ruma, and Maia Massey and Zion Cooney in the Tūi ruma. It is lovey to have you all here with us and we are looking forward to getting to know you throughout your learning journey here at Whenuakite Country Kids ❤️

This month we also said Haere rā e hoa, farewell to our friends Fae Charles and Sage Thompson who started at Whenuakite School. We will miss you! And we wish you all the best on your next journey of learning at school x ❤️

Important reminders:

Lost Property:

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BASKET FOR YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS, there are some quality items in there! Any clothing left at the end of Term 3 will be donated to our local op shops ☺️ Ngā mihi.

Kia Manawaroa:

Kia Manawaroa is the Ministry of Education's pānui for whānau Māori. Read the Herer-turi-kōkā, August issues of Kia Manawaroa here:

[kia-manawaroa-4-august-2023](#)

[kia-manawaroa-18-august-2023](#)

Important Upcoming Dates:

Te reo Māori language week: 11th-15th Mahuru

Whenuakite School Production visit: Rāhina, Monday 4th September

Coroglen School visit, Kapa Haka: Rāpare, Thursday 7th September.

Keep NZ Beautiful Beach clean-up: Rāpare, Thursday the 14th September

Whenuakite School Pet Day visit: Rātū, Tuesday the 19th of September

2023 Cultural festival at Coromandel Area School: Rāapa, Wednesday 20th of September

Holiday Closure 2023 Dates:

- **Labour Day:** Rāhina, Monday 23rd of October
- **Centre Christmas Closure:** From 4pm on Rāapa, Wednesday the 20th of December to Rātū, Tuesday the 16th of January 2024 😊

Centre Happenings



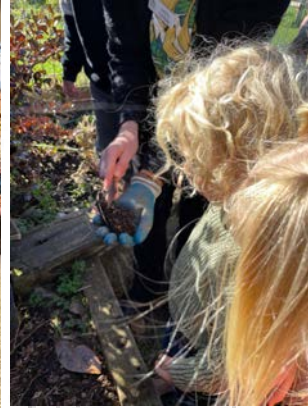
Mānawatia Matariki ♡

We LOVED visiting the Mercury Bay Museum with our eldest tamariki to take part in the Matariki education programme. Bec's Cox was amazing at explaining Matariki and inspiring tamariki to share their knowledge and ideas about Matariki. We also had so much fun exploring all of the taonga and exhibits on display at the Museum!



Learning about Worms!

Lenny from Zero waste visited us to educate us on the importance of composting and looking after worms. It was so exciting to learn more about the fascinating world of worms and to meet some tiger worms up close! Lenny was very impressed with how knowledgeable ngā tamariki already are and how healthy our worm farm is! Ka pai tamariki ma! ❤️





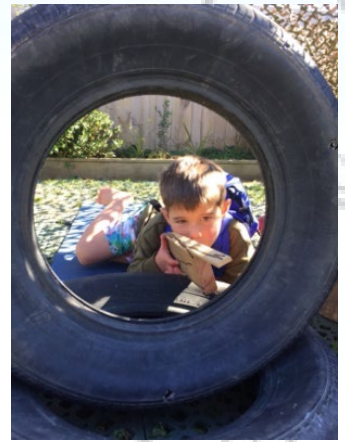
Coastal Restoration Planting at Pukaki, Cooks Beach Herer-turi-kōkā, August 2023





A Passion for Hunting and the great outdoors!

In case you haven't noticed lately... ngā tamariki have been leading a big interest in hunting and all things to do with the great outdoors in the centre! We have had some amazing imaginative and dramatic play with many tamariki joining in. We can't wait to see where this interest will lead us to next! ❤️





POLICIES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW:

C10 Social Emotional competencies, C10

Appendix 1 Biting, Nappy Changing

We value your contribution, so please share your ideas and suggestions for our policies under review. These are located in the 'Policies Under Review' folder in the whānau bookshelf at the office.

Community Contribution :)

Check out all of the awesome koha which our community have given to WCK this month ❤️ We really appreciate the generous support which our community-based centre receives. You are AMAZING! Thank you! ❤️



Ngā mihi nui mo te tautoko me te aroha,
a BIG thank you for all your support and love x.

Real life Learning

Ngā tamariki love learning by doing, having hands on play with real tools supports us to develop critical thinking strategies and skills for life. Ngā mihi to our amazing neighbours, and past WCK whānau, Rochelle and John from Whenuakite Steel, who popped in to install the repaired grill for our drain. They had a very eager group of workers ready to lend a hand! 😊



NEW PUPPETS! ❤️

Following our visit to the Mercury Bay Museum, we ordered a set of very special native NZ puppets as a teacher resource for the centre. We LOVE them! And look forward to many storytelling and puppet play experiences with tamariki!



Hahei Fire Station visit

Ngā mihi Hahei Fire Station for having us to visit. It was a great opportunity for ngā tamariki to get to know more about our emergency services and how they can help us when we need it! It is important we make these connections with our local emergency services so that tamariki are confident and not afraid when and if they need to ask for help in an emergency.



Haere mai, Welcome to our new friends



Maia



Zion



Sayul

Haere ra e hōa, Farewell our friends



Fae

Sage

Book Club

Te Karapu Pukapuka

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Orders are due by the 29th of September, to ensure you receive your books before the end of the school term 😊

Did you know that every purchase you make through Book Club earns our centre 15% of the order value in Scholastic Rewards? We use these to purchase more books and educational resources for WCK. We appreciate your support, it all helps! Ngā mihi x

PET DAY Spring Flower Show 2023



Sunday
17th
September

RAFFLES
& GAMES

10am
START
Rangihau Rd
Coroglen

Cash Only
Thank You

PLEASE
NO DOGS
They upset
the animals.



BBQ
BAKING
JUCIES

\$500
Daisy
Dung
Drop

Bring the family for a fun day out
and support our school fundraiser!

tamariki • children

Tama - of the
Divine Central Sun,
Tama-nui-te-Rā
ariki - chief, leader,
exalted, highest rank
-iki - as a suffix,
of the stars

He whakatauki

**E kore au e ngaro;
te kākano i ruia
mai i Rangiātea.**

I am never lost.
I am a seed sown
at Rangiātea.

*Rangiātea is the Sacred
Home, the Heartland of
the human spirit.*

*Wisdom from Te Ao Māori
Photographer: Ans Westra*



Arohanui from us all at Whenuakite Country Kids x

